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CLAIMS

1. A method of forming a metal coated steel strip that has a brushed finish which includes the steps of:

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(a) passing steel strip through a molten bath of metal and forming a coating of metal having spangles on at least one surface of the strip;

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(b) skin pass rolling the metal coated steep strip to suppress and/or obscure the spangles on the surface; and

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(c) brushing the skin passed rolled metal coated steel strip.

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2. The method defined in claim 1 wherein step (b) of skin pass rolling the metal coated steel strip includes using rolls having a surface roughness of Ra of at least 0.4 microns.

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3. The method defined in claim 1 wherein step (b) of skin pass rolling the metal coated steel strip includes using rolls having a surface roughness of Ra of 2 to 3.5 microns.

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4. The method defined in any one of the preceding claims wherein step (c) of brushing the skin pass rolled metal coated steel strip includes brushing with a rotary brushing roll.

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5. The method defined in any one of the preceding claims further includes a step of forming a transparent or translucent coating of a clear paint or lacquer on the skin pass rolled metal coated steel strip.

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6. The method defined in claim 5 wherein the clear paint coat is selected from finishes, such as, gloss, semi-gloss, low sheen or micro-wrinkle clear paint.

5 7. The method defined in claim 5 wherein the clear paint coat is slightly pigmented, yet still transparent or translucent, to provide an appearance having a particular weak colour or hue.

10 8. The method defined in any one of the preceding claims wherein the metal is a zinc/aluminium alloy.

9. The method defined in any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the metal is zinc with minor amounts of additions 15 used for spangle formation.

10. A metal coated steel strip that has a brushed finish made by the method defined in any one of the preceding claims.

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11. The metal coated steel strip defined in claim 10 wherein the metal is a zinc/aluminium alloy.

12. The metal coated steel strip defined in claim 10 25 wherein the metal is zinc with minor amounts of additions used for spangle formation.

13. The metal coated steel strip defined in any one of claims 10 to 12 further includes a clear paint coating.

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